

REMARKS

This amendment is presented in response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2005. Claims 1-7 have been amended. For the reasons stated below, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of all claims in the application.

35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner finds that the steps of the claimed method can be allegedly practiced mentally with a pen and paper. To make it clear that the claimed invention is a computer implemented process, claim 1 is amended to include the additional steps of:

"inputting a positive integer number to a server from a client . . .";

and

"passing said number to a program executing on said server."

Thus, claim 1 as amended clearly describes a computer implemented method, the steps of which are performed by a computer executing a program. Support for the amendment is found in Figure 1 and at page 4, line 5 to line 12 of the specification. Applicant certifies that no new matter is added by way of the amendment.

Additionally, claim 1 is amended to describe:

"generating and displaying a corresponding Chinese character representation."

Thus, the method has a real-world practical application – that of accepting integer input expressed in Arabic numerals and outputting the integer in corresponding Chinese characters. Thus, claims 1-7 describe statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. The lettering of claims 107 has been amended to reflect the steps added to clarify claim 1.

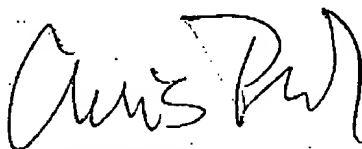
Claims 8-9 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 10-17 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments to claims 1-7, there remain no outstanding issues. Accordingly, the Examiner is earnestly requested to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101, allowing the application to pass to issue as a United States Patent. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at (650)474-8400.

Respectfully submitted,

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